

DEAR ABBY

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Dear Abby: I just found out my husband has been looking at escorts in the local area. I know he has watched porn, but that never bothered me. When I confronted him about seeing his search for escorts, he said he just clicked on a link that popped up on a porn site. (I have seen them, so I know it can happen.)

However, I now know he created another email address and joined an escort review site. I can't say anything to him because I snooped on his phone. I'm heartbroken and want to believe him, but this is too much. Please help me.

— *Nervous in New Jersey*
Dear Nervous: First things first. Call your doctor and make an appointment to be checked for STDs. Next, because you know your husband hasn't been truthful, do more "snooping." Learn everything you can about your family finances — the debts and assets, credit card expenses, bank account numbers, etc.

Once you have that information and there will be no surprises, tell your husband you checked his phone AND WHY YOU FELT THE NEED TO DO IT. Do not allow him to make you feel guilty. Ask him what he is getting from escorts that he isn't getting from you, and if the only answer he can come up with is "variety," talk to a lawyer because your exclusive marital relationship is history.

Dear Abby: Our son "Leo," 24, has bipolar/schizoaffective disorder. He is single, lives 2,000 miles from us and is homeless. He refuses treatment.

I see him about every three months when I go and find

him. His relationship with his dad, my husband, is not good. My husband has made many approaches to Leo, but our son rejects him.

My husband told me that when he dies, I should not say anything to Leo, and he wants me to agree on that. I agreed, but I think that is too hard. Do you think my husband is right on that request?

— *Problem Family in Puerto Rico*
Dear Problem Family: Yes, I do. Your husband is being realistic, having made repeated approaches to Leo and being rejected. When he's gone, your son won't miss him, so please respect your husband's wishes if it will bring him peace of mind.

Dear Abby: I hosted a dinner party at my home and invited three longtime friends. They had been drinking before they came over and showed up drunk. My husband and I were highly offended and told them to leave. I'm extremely upset about this because I found it very disrespectful. How should I resolve the issue?

— *Inconsiderate in the Midwest*
Dear Inconsiderate: You and your husband were certainly within your rights to react as you did. Cross your fingers that your friends were able to return safely to their homes in the condition they were in.

How you should resolve the issue depends upon whether this is the only time it happened. If they aren't habitual problem drinkers and it was a one-time thing, be forgiving when they call to apologize. However, if you don't hear from them, there will be nothing to resolve.

NFL

Lower-round QBs face long odds for success

BY JOSH DUBOW

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The five teams that took quarterbacks in the first round of the NFL draft head into the offseason program full of optimism that they have found the franchise cornerstone that will lead to great success for the next decade.

History indicates that at least a couple of those teams will be looking for new answers sooner than they hoped with the hit rate on successful first-round quarterbacks being no better than a coin toss, something the New York Jets know all too well after taking Zach Wilson second overall just three years after making Sam Darnold the third overall pick.

The chances that the five teams that selected quarterbacks after round one found a keeper is considerably smaller based on the recent track records of those picks.

The days of first-round snubs going onto superstar careers such as Tom Brady, Brett Favre, Drew Brees, or becoming solid long-term starters such as Matt Hasselbeck, Trent Green and Mark Brunell are a thing of the past.

Since a stretch in 2011-12 when Russell Wilson, Andy Dalton, Kirk Cousins and Colin Kaepernick fashioned successful careers after being passed over in round one, only a rare few have made it since.

Of the 70 quarterbacks taken after round 1 from 2013-20, including 26 who went in rounds two through four, only Dak Prescott, Derek Carr and Jimmy Garoppolo have become successful starters.

The jury is still out on a few others such as Jalen Hurts, picked in the second round last year by Philadelphia, and 2019 second-rounder Drew Lock in



AP file

Texas A&M quarterback Kellen Mond watches the competition at a mini combine organized by House of Athlete in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, in March. The Minnesota Vikings drafted Mond with their first of four third-round picks in the draft on Friday night.

Denver, but that history doesn't bode well for this year's class.

Five quarterbacks were drafted after the first round this year, matching the fewest taken after round one in the common draft era that started in 1967. As more teams elevate quarterbacks up their draft boards to take them in the first round, the quality in the later rounds has dropped.

There was speculation that a record-tying six quarterbacks could go in the first round this year with Trevor Lawrence, Wilson, Trey Lance, Justin Fields and Mac Jones near locks. The next to go off the board ended up being Florida's Kyle Trask, who went to Tampa Bay with the final pick of the second round.

Texas A&M's Kellen Mond and Stanford's Davis Mills then went to Minnesota and Houston respectively with back-to-back picks early in the third round, Notre Dame's Ian Book went to New Orleans in the fourth and Indianapolis took Sam Ehlinger out of Texas in the sixth round.

was on the right trajectory and has a lot of upside to develop," general manager Rick Spielman said.

Mills might not get the luxury of waiting depending on how Watson's situation in Houston plays out. Watson's future with the team is in question after 22 women filed lawsuits alleging that he sexually assaulted or harassed them. Houston police and the NFL are investigating the allegations, leaving his future with the team up in the air.

Even before all that Watson had been unhappy with the direction of the team and requested a trade earlier this year. The Texans also have Tyrod Taylor.

"It's not going to be what I think or my decision or what David (Culley) thinks," Caserio said. "It's going to be the players are ultimately going to determine who plays, what their role is, and how big or small that is."

Book joins a crowded quarterback competition in New Orleans as the Saints try to replace Brees. Jameis Winston and Taysom Hill are contending for the starting role and coach Sean Payton said it "would be a little bit of a jump" for Book to join that mix.

But Book has plenty of experience after starting 35 games at Notre Dame.

"We're not going to ever put a ceiling on what we think a player might be able to do," Payton said.

Ehlinger was picked by the Colts a year after they took developmental quarterback Jacob Eason in the fourth round. Eason didn't play as a rookie and the two will compete for the backup spot behind Carson Wentz, who was acquired in a trade from Philadelphia earlier in the offseason.

YOUR HOROSCOPE *By Madalyn Aslan*

Stars show the kind of day you'll have

★★★★★ DYNAMIC | ★★★★★ POSITIVE | ★★★ AVERAGE | ★★ SO-SO | ★ DIFFICULT

MOON ALERT: There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today. The Moon is in Pisces.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 2021: You have many talents. You are independent, talkative and full of ideas and opinions. As your new year begins, you are entering a time of service to others. Whatever you do to benefit others will bring you rewards and feelings of gratification. Because service depends on your relations with others, be discriminating. Choose people who care about your best interests as well.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ Today you feel mildly restless and even excited about life. You can tell that there is an energy in the air that is "all systems go!" This could relate to the difficulties we have all had in the past year. For many, there's a rainbow on the horizon, and it's encouraging!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Expect to meet someone unusual today. This person might be avant-garde, bohemian or eccentric in some way. Alternatively, someone you already know might suddenly do something that amazes you! Do be aware that this person will be convincing. ("Just sign on the dotted line.")

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Even though you might choose to work alone or behind the scenes today, nevertheless, you are confident in your ability to convince bosses, parents, teachers and VIPs to listen to you. You know you can persuade them to accept your views. Use this influence wisely.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Today you feel a growing need to "get away from all this." In a way, this is ironic because you are a nester, but even you have had enough! Therefore, do whatever you can to give yourself a feeling of expanding your world. Explore ideas with others. Enjoy passionate discussions about politics and religion.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Double-check details regarding inheritances and shared property, because something to do with a parent, boss or someone in a position of authority might suddenly throw a curveball your way. In other words, expect the unexpected. (Impossible to do, of course.)

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Discussions with partners and close friends will be dynamic and alive today because you have lots of mental energy. Furthermore, unexpected changes, especially to travel plans or when dealing with people from other cultures, might land in your lap. Stay flexible so you can go either direction.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Quite likely, you will accomplish a lot at work today because you are mentally vigorous. However, something will interrupt your work routine. Fear not. Because your ambition is aroused, you will handle whatever comes your way. Easy peasy!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Social events will hold some surprises today. You might get an unexpected invitation. Conversely, a social situation might be canceled or changed. Either way, this is a stimulating day with all kinds of fun possibilities. Note: parents should be extra vigilant, because this is an accident-prone day for their kids.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Something might disrupt your home routine today. Small appliances might break down or a minor breakage could occur. Someone unexpected might knock at your door. (Get dressed.) A female family member might have good news, especially news that will benefit you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ New faces, new ideas, new places and new connections are par for the course today. A sudden change to take a short trip might occur. Conversely, travel might be canceled. Everything is a crapshoot. It's all up for grabs! Pay attention to everything you say and do.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Keep an eye on your money scene today, because something unexpected could impact your assets or your possessions. You might find money; you might lose money. Be smart and protect what you own from loss, theft or damage.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ With the Moon in your sign lined up with fiery Mars, your energy level is high today! You feel eager and confident. In particular, this is an excellent day to begin or start something new. (Hmmm, this might happen since you're full of creative ideas because you can think outside the box.)

Safety

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Rock Hill is renowned for bringing up aspiring players through small fry teams and catapulting them into the pros. At least 37 athletes from the city's three public high schools have played in the NFL, according to a list maintained by one of the coaches that goes back to the 50s. Current pros include New England Patriots cornerback Stephon Gilmore and No. 1 overall draft pick Jadeveon Clowney, who signed with the Cleveland Browns this offseason.

But awareness is growing nationwide among parents, players and spectators about the potentially lasting impacts of sports concussions, and that includes Rock Hill.

Ed Paat, who runs a non-profit in town, played football as a kid decades ago. Now 42, he and his wife are steering

their four kids toward other sports, like gymnastics and jiu-jitsu, in light of the emerging research and events including the shooting.

"For our family, it's not something that's an option," Paat said. "The more we learn about CTE, brain injuries, traumatic brain injuries — for us there are just other avenues for athletics that don't have such a potential for long term medical effects."

Paat acknowledges his view is probably unpopular in the town: "The mindset my wife and I have, I would assume is a minority in the South, not only in the South but in Rock Hill," Paat said.

David Sweem, a former athletic trainer and football coach who now serves on South Carolina's Brain Injury Safety Net Task Force, said he's noticed that parents are definitely more aware of football's head injury risks. "It's made me rethink some things with my own

children. And I love football. Still very passionate about the sport," he said.

Children, too, are taking notice. Ronnie Collins, an accountant, said he's trying to get his son interested in playing, but 12-year-old Jackson is worried about getting injured after learning about concussions and watching players get hurt on television.

Some youth coaches in town object to seeing football singled out for safety reasons when other contact sports also face inherent physical risks. Perry Sutton, who's coached youth football for three decades, said his 7-year-old grandson's soccer games are rough: "Them kids kicking each other in the head and everything. You don't get that in football."

Still, Rock Hill's youth programs have responded by putting coaches through hours of concussion training each year and teaching kids to tackle with

their bodies, not their heads.

Lawrence Brown, a youth coach who grew up with Adams and played on the same small fry team, said the killings changed his perspective. He's been thinking lately about emphasizing that players need to live their lives outside the game, too. "We know we can't play football forever. We know we can't play any sport forever," Brown said.

Growing up alongside future football stars has been exciting for Kia Wright, but now she's worried for her own 12-year-old son Kaleb. She wants him to play baseball, but her son's passion for football outshines any other sport.

She said Kaleb heard about the shooting on the news, but wouldn't talk about it, probably fearing she'd pull him out of football if he did.

"I can't take him out of a game that he loves," Wright said.

Melo

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"For Melo to be out a year and come back makes it even more remarkable," Portland coach Terry Stotts said. "I always appreciate greatness, whether it's a player I'm coaching or coaching against. Melo is a great player. He's a Hall of Fame player."

Lillard went on and on about what a pleasure it's been to have Anthony as a teammate, disputing those who have described him over the years as a selfish player who was never quite good enough to lead his teams — most notably, Denver and New York — to a championship.

"I appreciate him more as a friend than I do as a teammate, and I really appreciate him as a teammate," Lillard said. "I think that really speaks to the kind of person he is."

Afterward, Stotts presented Anthony with a game ball in the locker room.

"We need to acknowledge milestones," the coach said. "This is a big one. Top 10 of all time. That's big time."

After his teammates finished clapping, Anthony said: "A couple of years ago, I didn't think I was gonna be in this

moment right now. I was out the league for whatever reason. I'm back. I persevered. I stayed strong, I stayed true to

myself and now I'm here in the top 10."

He's not done yet. "I'm still enjoying the game,"

Anthony said.

"I'm still loving the game. I'm still approaching the game the same way."

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